

MEDIA ADVISORY  
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## **SECRETARY OF STATE RECEIVES PETITIONS TO REFER PRIVACY ACT**

**Bismarck, N.D.** - Earlier today, the sponsoring committee proposing the referral of SB 2191, relating to the disclosure of financial information by financial institutions and the notification of privacy policies, submitted 478 petitions to the Secretary of State's office for review and certification.

Attached, please find a copy of our letter addressed to Ronald E. Almquist and Charlene Nelson, co-chairman of the sponsoring committee, acknowledging receipt of the petitions along with a brief facts sheet and timeline. To request a copy of the sponsoring committee and the text of the measure as it was circulated, please contact Lee Ann Oliver in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office at (701) 328-4146.

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Ronald E. Almquist  
Co-Chairman  
Sponsoring Committee  
2700 74<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Minot ND 58703

Charlene Nelson  
Co-Chairman  
Sponsoring Committee  
15703 31<sup>st</sup> Street SE  
Casselton ND 58012

Dear Mr. Almquist and Ms. Nelson,

This letter acknowledges the receipt of 478 petitions delivered to the Secretary of State on this day, July 18, 2001, for the purpose of referring Senate Bill 2191 relating to the disclosure of financial information by financial institutions and the notification of privacy policies.

Under the provisions of NDCC 16.1-01-10, this office has thirty-five days to pass upon the sufficiency of the signatures contained in the petitions. You will be notified on or before August 22, 2001, whether or not the petitions contain a sufficient number of valid signatures to place the measure on the next primary, general, or special election.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Lee Ann Oliver in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office at (701) 328-4146.

Sincerely,

Cory G. Fong  
Deputy Secretary of State

### **TIMELINE TO REFER SENATE BILL 2191**

Relating to the disclosure of financial information by financial institutions and notification of privacy policies

- Proposed referral of SB 2191 relating to the disclosure of financial information by financial institutions and notification of privacy policies was submitted to the Secretary of State for review and approval for circulation May 17, 2001
- Proposed referral approved by the Secretary of State for Circulation May 25, 2001
- Date SB 2191 was filed with the Secretary of State April 19, 2001
- Date petitions were filed with the Secretary of State for review and acceptance July 18, 2001
- Date the Secretary of State must complete the review of the petitions August 22, 2001
- Number of petitions filed 478
- Number of valid signatures needed to place the referred measure on the ballot 12,844
- Number of signatures filed as estimated by the sponsoring committee 15,000
- Date the referred measure would appear on the ballot At the Next Primary Or Special Election